



“BEHOLD
I COME
QUICKLY”

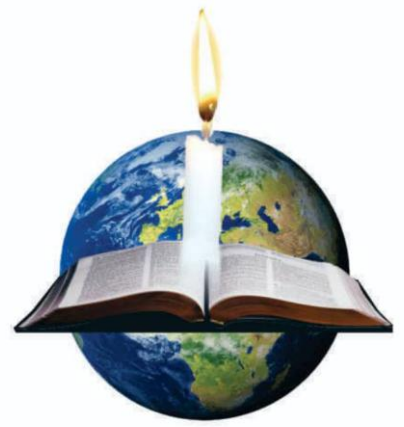
OCTOBER EDITION



The Global Harvest Mandate Vision Outreach
...taking light to the world

www.theglobalharvestmandate.org info@theglobalharvestmandate.org

WELCOME ADDRESS



The Global Harvest Mandate Vision Outreach
...taking light to the world

Welcome to the October Edition of our monthly magazine code - named "Behold I Come Quickly"

Glory be to God in the highest, for His mercies endure forever and ever. Amen.

We bless God for His faithfulness over our lives. Only He has been our refuge and strength, our light and salvation and so much more. We therefore cannot but say 'Thank you Jesus!'

Furthermore, we also wish to use this avenue to sincerely appreciate as many people out there who believe in this vision and have continued to share with others. May the God of this commission reward you tremendously in Jesus name, Amen.

As always, the good Lord has made His table ready again this month and before us are the following topics;

- 1.) 'THEY TOOK NO OIL'
- 2.) WALKING WITH GOD (Part 1)
- 3.) LITTLE FOXES - LIES
- 4.) ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE? (Part 1)

May you be blessed beyond measure as you read.

Kindly visit our website www.theglobalharvestmandate.org to enjoy God in our previous editions.

For contributions and questions, please contact us through our email address; info@theglobalharvestmandate.org

Hot lines: 08038010346, 08064499330, 08173636414



OYENUE OMOLOLA - MARGARET
For The Global Harvest Mandate.



"THEY 'TOOK' NO OIL"

OMOLOLA-MARGARET O.

Text: Matthew 25 vs 1 - 3

1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Our focus this month would still be on the word 'took'. What relevance does it have to the text as a whole?

In response to this question, please permit me to quote some lines from last month's edition:

'You can only take what you already have in store when need calls for such or else you would need to visit the sellers;

This can be very frustrating and embarrassing at times'

'Fellowshipping with the Lord is key. Your closet is your power house, Your place of storing spiritual oil and Your filling station. Shun petrol stations and you run the risk of your car getting stuck midway through your journey (well, unless you drive an electric car which of course also needs recharging at intervals)'

From the above recap, could it be that the foolish virgins were the sort of Christians who were just too busy to spare God some time to be alone with Him in their closets, but whenever they had a spiritual task or assignment, they hurriedly scan through the pages of their bibles looking for a story to force down the throats of vulnerable and unsuspecting flocks or audience? Hmm! I'm just thinking;

Perhaps at such periods, they fast and pray to draw the hand of God only to return back to their normal cold lives. Then they wait till another monthly roster is out and are told, 'Sis, Bro', it's your turn to lead bible studies or deliverance hour. Without doubt, this kind of fire cannot sustain a meaningful life in the spirit.

Life is both physical and spiritual. As much as the spirit needs a body to operate in, so also is it impossible for the body to be active when the spirit is down. There are things that enhance physical fitness such as eating healthy and balanced diet, exercising, watching your weight loss or gain, medical check-ups as need arises and so on. Similarly, to remain alive in the spirit, we need spiritual meal coupled with prayers which is a means of connecting with God. When we do this consistently, we are simply storing spiritual energy and oil for both present and future utilization. This is quite essential as we saw that it's presence or otherwise determined the ultimate destinies of each of the ten



"THEY 'TOOK' NO OIL"

OMOLOLA-MARGARET O.

virgins.

The health of our spirit is so important to God because that's the only means of connecting with Him. We do this when out of our daily busy schedules, we yet create time to be in His presence in our various closets. The infilling of His Spirit in our lives is dependent on this daily process. When physical life and activities cease, the person is said to be dead. Likewise, when someone is cut off from the Spirit of God, he is spiritually dead; the transmission and communion between such and God is broken. This was exactly what happened to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Genesis 3 vs 9, 17-19. It's a pity people don't give this much attention because physically the victim still moves about.

The first call to everyman is a call to salvation Matthew 11 vs 28. "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, I will give you rest.

And the second call is a call to fellowship, that is a call to be with Jesus. Mark 3 vs 14 -15 says "Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons." Being with Jesus in relationship precedes doing exploits in the kingdom. When this second call is missing, engaging in spiritual activities becomes a struggle.

CONCLUSION:

Encountering God daily requires that we spend quality time with Him on our personal altar and the outcome would be fresh oil for an enduring and a lasting relationship. Through this altar of friendship, our faith is renewed daily. Hallelujah!!

Let me close with this question; CAN WE ALSO SAY (BY EXTENSION) THAT THE OIL THESE FOOLISH VIRGINS LACKED REPRESENTS LIVING FAITH NOT FOUND IN THEM AT THE LORD'S RETURN?

We should be finding out very soon.

Stay safe and stay awake!!

WALKING WITH GOD (PART 1)

OGUNSOLU TAIWO ELIZABETH



Deuteronomy 5:33 (AMP) "You shall walk [that is, live each and every day] in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land which you will possess."

Genesis 17:1-2 (AMP) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; Walk [habitually] before Me [with integrity, knowing that you are always in My presence], and be blameless and complete [in obedience to Me].

2. I will establish My covenant (everlasting promise) between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly [through your descendants]."

INTRODUCTION

Walking is an exercise that consumes energy, depending on the distance to cover. It is intentional. It requires strength because a hungry man may not be able to walk far or may walk at a slow pace. Walking requires sight to avoid falling, bumping into a ditch or getting lost. Walking requires a sense of direction; you must have a destination in mind. Walking with God requires much more than the physical type of walk.

With the Help of the Holy Spirit, we shall study the act of walking with God in this series and also consider some people who walked with God in their time in order to learn from them. God bless you as you tag along. Amen.

GOD'S DESIRE

Genesis 1:26 (AMP) Then God said, "Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness]; and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, and over the entire earth, and over everything that creeps and crawls on the earth."

27. So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them

Genesis 3:8 (AMP) And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool [afternoon breeze] of the day...

It is the desire of our Heavenly Father (GOD) that men should fellowship with Him. He made man special in His own image and likeness. He made us Spiritual beings living in a Body that has a Soul. He put His Spirit in us so that we can have access to fellowship with Him.

John 3:23 (AMP) But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers.

24. God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Our God is a Spirit and we are able to fellowship with Him because we are Spirits as well. The Bible says that God

WALKING WITH GOD (PART 1)

OGUNSOLU TAIWO ELIZABETH



seeks true worshippers who will fellowship with Him in Spirit and in Truth. He desires people who will stand out for Him and represent Him anywhere and anytime. He desires people who will make Him their priority in life. He desires people who will love Him absolutely. No wonder the devil's battle cry is to cut the relationship between man and God.

Deuteronomy 5:33 (AMP) "You shall walk [that is, live each and every day] in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land which you will possess."

Genesis 17:1-2 (AMP) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; Walk [habitually] before Me [with integrity, knowing that you are always in My presence], and be blameless and complete [in obedience to Me].

2. I will establish My covenant (everlasting promise) between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly [through your descendants]."

The anchor scriptures above from the books of Deuteronomy 5:33 and Genesis 17:1-2 are God's conversation and commandment to Moses and Father Abraham respectively. The call to walking with God comes with an eternal blessing. Do you want all to be well with you? The solution is to walk with God. Do you want to live long to enjoy God's blessings that He has promised you? The answer is to walk with God.

"WALKING WITH GOD"

Walking with GOD is continuous till death and it encompasses great responsibilities, absolute commitment and consistency. A man who is not born again cannot walk with God. It requires a great sacrifice; that kind of selfless sacrifice that made Abraham release his promised son as a sacrificial lamb, the same kind of sacrifice that made God to give us His only begotten son, Jesus Christ to die for our sins. It requires a life of purity and absolute surrender to God's will which made Enoch and Elijah (in the Bible) not to see death.

Just like a hungry man cannot walk far and will walk at a slow pace, a man without the fullness of the Holy Spirit cannot walk far with God before he starts getting drained and weary along the way and distractions here and there will easily take him off the track. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God are the eyes that we use to see the way. The Word is a light to our paths that we may not stumble- Psalm 119:105. The Holy Spirit is our strengthener, our advocate, our counselor, our helper, our intercessor and standby.

The amazing aspect of walking with God is that He gives the direction, He tells us what to do per time- spiritually and in every aspect of our lives, He guides us our steps, and strengthens us whenever we are weak, He replaces our human weaknesses with His strength and He ensures that we get to our destination safely.

1Timothy 4:8 (AMP) For physical training is of some value, but godliness (spiritual training) is of value in everything and in every way, since it holds promise for the present life and for the life to come.

WALKING WITH GOD (PART 1)

OGUNSOLU TAIWO ELIZABETH



Walking with God is a spiritual exercise which has a great gain here on earth and eternally. Walking with God is:

- to live a life of holiness; 1Peter 5:15-16
- to love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; Mark 12:30
- to abide with God; John 15:4-7
- to be under His watch; Psalm 121:4-5
- to diligently obey and keep His commands to the letter; Deuteronomy 28:1
- to live for Him; Psalm 23:6
- to have a constant fellowship with Him in the place of prayer, fasting and service; John 4:23-24
- to completely have faith in Him; Hebrews 11:6
- to trust Him absolutely; Psalm 20:7
- to be His friend; John 15:14
- to imitate Him; Philippians 2:5
- to be sold out to Him; Revelation 12:11
- to deny oneself of worldly pleasures and gains; Luke 9:62
- to proclaim His goodness to all mankind; Matthew 10:7
- to live a righteous life; Matthew 6:33
- to serve Him alone; Exodus 20:2-5
- to accept and to do His will; Matthew 26:39
- to make Him a priority; Matthew 6:33
- to live a well-pleasing life to Him; Romans 12:1-2
- to live a life of humility; 1Peter 5:6
- to do greater works than Christ did; John 14:12; amongst others.

CONCLUSION

The will of God for everyone is to live a victorious and fulfilled life here on earth and reign with Him eternally. Every soul is important to God that is why He seeks true worshippers who will follow Him without looking back.

REFLECTION

Make a decision today to renew or start your walk with God by taking an intentional step of abiding with His principles today.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as I make a decision to start or renew my walk with you today, please hold my hands and let me not leave Your side; guide my footsteps that I may not fall; be my everlasting strength that I may not be weary and uphold me to the end in Jesus name. Amen

LITTLE FOXES - LIES

PASTOR OYEDEJI DAVID



In Jesus 15: 1–5, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine, while we believers are the branches. We are united with Him and derive life from Him. We are participant of His very nature (2 Pet. 1: 4). We are jointed to Him to bear fruit. He said any branch that bears no fruit shall be cut off and burnt with fire. He said again in John 15: 16 that we did not chose Him, but He has chosen us that we should go and bear fruit- fruit that will abide. These passages tell us about the purpose of Christ for every one of His Children – to bear fruit in Him.

The fruit we are to bear is the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5: 22-23), which are the graces that should characterise us as Christians. But there are little foxes that are allowed in our lives that ruin the vineyard. The little foxes are the habits that are allowed in our lives to destroy the fruit of the Spirit. The Scripture (Songs of Solomon 2:15) says, "catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes". Lying is one of the most prevailing moral problem we face. This little fox is a great pandemic causing serious damage and even destruction to our social life and relationship with God.

LIE

A lie is a false statement deliberately presented as being true; something meant to deceive or give a wrong impression. Lying is the most common sin even among Christians. It is one of the seven abominations to God (Prov. 6: 16-19). Some people lie to others, some lie to themselves and some lie to God. The lie we tell actually affect our relationship with God because it makes us spiritually unclean.

The Devil is the inventor of lies. He uttered the first lie when he told Eve in the garden of Eden that she will become like God if she eats from the fruit of the Knowledge of good and evil that God forbade them not to eat. Jesus said all liars are Devil's children (John 8: 44), because they distort the truth as did the Devil in the garden of Eden. As believers we are new creation in Christ, the old Adamic nature must pass away (2 Corinthians 5: 17). When we lie, we put the old sinful nature on again. A lie degenerates our spirit, it gets into a person's attitude and lingers there like a cancerous cell that affects his entire life, making it difficult for him to speak the truth.

Lie destroys a person's confidence in others, and this is what Satan uses to destroy mankind's faith and belief in God. A lie uttered many years ago can affect someone, or a nation today and generations to come. For example, God said He has given us His only begotten Son, that whatsoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, and somebody come up to say, God has no son. Many generations have accepted this lie, causing millions of souls to become candidates of Hell. This shows the destructive power of a lie. God want us to live a life that reflects that He is in control of all things we do or say. Our life, as believers is hidden in Christ. Lying takes away the glory of God from being upon our

LITTLE FOXES - LIES

PASTOR OYEDEJI DAVID



lives.

A lie brings brokenness, truth brings freedom. There may be a number of reasons why we lie but God has made it clear that, He detest lying lips and delight in those who tell the truth. There is nothing called a good lie. All lies lead to other sins, of the flesh. Most people who lie have to continue to lie to cover-up the first lie. Lie may become addictive like alcohol. One may not seem to hurt so you try another after another until it becomes a habit.

Lies lie in the heart of the carnal man. A carnal Christian cannot please God because the product of his imagination is lies. He tries to better himself through deceptions, and many Christians get into trouble because of this. The Bible gives us a good example of this in Acts 5: 1-10. God saw it fit to record this particular instance of sin as committed by Ananias and Sapphira and the punishment that they both received to warn us of how serious the sin of lying is. Ananias and Sapphira were not stingy nor greedy, they wouldn't have brought anything to the apostles. But giving part of the proceeds and trying to make it look like they were sacrificing it all was a deadly matter to God. Their attempt to deceive the apostles was an attempt to deceive God, and they paid the price. The death of Ananias and Sapphira should cause us to have a great fear of God (Acts 5: 10-11).

Why Do People Lie?

1. Fear of suffering what saying the truth may bring or what people will say.
2. To hurt someone – to discredit, damage or destroy e.g Genesis 30: 13-20; 1 Kings 21: 1-16; Matthew 26: 59-61.
3. To avoid responsibility – This is done by indulgence or taking excuse. Luke 14: 18
4. To get gain – This may be material or financial gain, spiritual gain or honour e.g Acts 5: 1-8; 1 Tim 6: 5-10
5. Exaggeration to impress others

How To Deal with Lies

1. The first step to defeating lying is to admit that you are a liar – Psalm 116: 11
2. Confess to God for forgiveness and to people for healing – Psalm 51
3. Put away lying i.e. don't lie – Ephesians 4: 25; Exodus 20: 16.
4. Speak the truth – Ephesians 4: 25
5. Always treat lie as God treats it – Proverbs 12: 22; 6: 16-19.
6. Know that God will judge the liar – Proverbs 19: 59; Revelation 21: 8.

CONCLUSION

Lie is a statement a speaker knows is untrue. God hates lie because it is a sin of deception, it causes distrust and brings shame and destruction to relationships. God said, "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death". Jesus said "I am the truth". We cannot be Christ Ambassadors and be a liar. To be a true Child of God who will enjoy His blessings, instead of His wrath, put away lies and speak the truth.

"Are You Ready for The Rapture?" PART 1

Celestine Ekele .I.



TEXT: 2 Peter 3:3-4

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (KJV)

The Message Version says;

3-4 First off, you need to know that in the last days, mockers are going to have a heyday. Reducing everything to the level of their petty feelings, they'll mock, "So what's happened to the promise of his Coming? Our ancestors are dead and buried, and everything's going on just as it has from the first day of creation. Nothing's changed." (MSG)

I begin this message by asking You a question..... Do you really believe that the Rapture of the Church is soon? If you really want to be honest with yourself, your answer is probably "No!".

While we might believe that He COULD come at any time ... we really don't believe that He WILL anytime soon.

There are probably some people today who don't believe that Jesus will come in their lifetime.

If you ask some Honest Christians, some may say;

MAYBE within the next 20 years.

CERTAINLY not this YEAR ... or this MONTH ... or this WEEK.

DEFINITELY not before midnight tonight.

Some may even say;

NO WAY He will come before NOON today (before I finish reading this message).

We all kind of have our own timetable (knowingly or unknowingly)....well, if that's the case, I am not surprised

"Are You Ready for The Rapture?" PART 1

Celestine Ekele .I.



because our Bible Text points to that direction.

We are like those in 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-10

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up

Dear Youth, THE TRUTH IS, NO ONE knows WHEN the Lord will come this is the more reason why you need to be READY AT ALL TIMES. Jesus says this and it holds true for the RAPTURE. In **Matthew 24:36** – **"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."**

SO, it is only God, Our Father in Heaven who knows the day our Lord Jesus Christ will return to take us home.

BUT HOWEVER ... there are several things that we DO KNOW and they will be pointed out in in the subsequent editions (so pay close attention and stay tuned).

Be a Wise Youth! Jesus is comingz soon!

Stay Blessed and Take Charge!

See you in the next edition!

Shalom!